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4. [] Talked with Dorothy Fosdick, Senate Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations staff, about her 1 July 1971 note concerning articles published by Dino Frescobaldi. I told Miss Fosdick that on the basis of a review of Frescobaldi's articles over the past three months our people would not rate this material very highly, adding that much better work is available in the Western press. I advised that Frescobaldi's work is based primarily on the Cairo rumor market, Sadat's public speeches, and articles carried in Beirut newspapers. Under the circumstances we would think that the Subcommittee would not want to be in a position of having his articles translated and circulated. Miss Fosdick said this was precisely what she wanted to know, but asked if we would translate one or two of Frescobaldi's better articles for her own perusal.

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[] is arranging for this.

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5. [] Talked to Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, who said Chairman Mahon wanted to meet with the Director for no more than an hour on Friday, 9 July, and discuss the Director's trip and have a "philosophical" chat about the "Pentagon papers"--not just the security aspect but their impact on U.S. policy and the U.S. leaders involved. He said Representative Frank Bow would be out of town but Representative George Andrews would attend and possibly Representative William Minshall.

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6. [] Later Chairman Mahon himself called and repeated that he had in mind just an informal chat with the Director, particularly about his recent trip at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, 9 July. Regarding the "Pentagon papers" Mahon said he realized the Director had been out of town and hadn't had a chance to study the documents closely so it would be all right to bring someone else who had, and not bother the Director with it.

Chairman Mahon expressed concern about the two bills just introduced by Senators Cooper and McGovern (the first making intelligence information available to the Congress, and the other requiring CIA funds appear in the budget).

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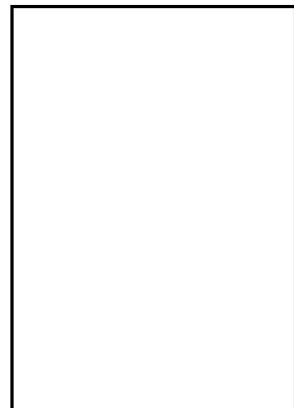
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TO:

[Redacted]

FROM: Dorothy Fosdick

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We have had called to our attention what purports to be excellent reporting on Egypt -- articles published at various times during the past six months by Dino Frescobaldi, the Cairo correspondent of the Corriere della Sera. We are told that he discusses the power struggle in Egypt, the Russian penetration, and the recent upheavals and changes in an illuminating fashion, and far better than most available reports.

Would you have this series of articles brought together and reviewed to advise us if it would be worthwhile to have a selection of them translated and perhaps circulated by us in some form?